WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Air Services between Pondicherry and Chennai

156. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any proposal to resume air services between Pondicherry and Chennai;

(b) if so, by when they will be resumed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for stopping the air services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject, of course, to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

Development of International Airport at Thiruvananthapuram

157. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land acquisition process for the development of International Airport at Thiruvananthapuram has been completed;

(b) if so, the extent of land acquired so far;

(c) the extent of land pending to be acquired;

(d) by when the developmental activities of the Airport would be completed;

(e) the details of developmental activities undertaken so far; and

(f) the proposed activities pending to be undertaken?